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## Roosevelt Island's Annual Fall for Arts Festival to Promote EarthLove and Feature Free Art Workshops, Amusements, and Live Music

WHAT: The Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) hosts its Annual Fall for Arts **Festival**, a much-loved tradition featuring live mural painting, hands-on arts and crafts workshops for children and adults, amusements, and live entertainment. This year the mural theme is "EarthLove: Protect, Renew, Grow", which will ask artists to create works that encourage the importance of respecting the environment. Attendees will be able to create art projects, fly kites and hear New York Public Library storytelling in FDR Four Freedoms State Park, take part in a kids' sing-along, receive Henna and face painting designs, jump in the bounce houses, win giveaways, and enjoy live music performances, just to name a few of the many free activities!

The Roni Ben-Hur Brazilian Quintet, (facebook.com/RoniBenHurJazz/) will kick off the live entertainment at 1 PM with their warm, glowing style of Jazz. Next up at 2 PM are Reggae, Pop, and Afrobeat fusion band Flux and the Do Good Family, featuring local island residents, Afro-Cuban band Ritmosis (facebook.com/Ritmosis/) will close out the show at 4 PM with their upbeat Latin Jazz & Soul stylings!

Participating groups include: FDR Four Freedoms State Park, Materials for the Arts, The Music & Play Station, Sweetface Snoballs, Verizon, as well as local Roosevelt Island community groups such as the RI. Youth Center, R.I. Garden Club, R.I. Visual Arts Association, idig2Learn, and the R.I. Girl Scouts.

WHEN: Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** Southpoint Park, FDR Four Freedoms State Park, and the Lawn south of Rivercross. Visitors can take the iconic Tram, the NYC Ferry Astoria line, or the F-train to Roosevelt Island and then walk or take the free Red Bus to the events. Please find a map of the island here